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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY COOPER JUNE 9 AMB. TOGO SAID THAT ALTHOUGH GOJ WAS UNHAPPY WITH MAY TALKS IN TOKYO, ESPECIALLY WITH WHAT HE TERMED US INTRODUCTION OF NEW ISSUE OF CARGO CAPACITY INCREASES, MOFA IS DOING ITS BEST TO MOVE THINGS ALONG WITHIN GOJ. HE HOPED THAT MEETING IN JULY WOULD MAKE MORE PROGRESS ON IMMEDIATE ISSUES. COOPER REMINDED TOGO THAT GOJ OWED US A RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSALS FOR RESOLVING IMMEDIATE ISSUES UNDER CURRENT AGREEMENT AND THAT US POSITION WAS THAT IMMEDIATE ISSUES MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE JULY TALKS COULD TAKE PLACE. HE NOTED THAT ABSENCE OF GOJ RESPONSE PLACED US IN SOMEWHAT AWKWARD POSITION WITH RESPECT TO MICRONESIANS, AS WE HAD NOTHING TO SAY TO THEM ON SAIPAN CASE. HE URGED ACCELERATED GOJ RESPONSE.

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2. TOGO'S REFERENCE TO JULY TALKS AS FORUM TO RESOLVE IMMEDIATE ISSUES IS DISTURBING. REQUEST EMBASSY FOLLOW UP BY REITERATING TO MOFA THAT USG IS NOT PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN JULY TALKS UNLESS IMMEDIATE ISSUES UNDER CURRENT AGREEMENT CAN BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED BEFOREHAND. THEREFORE, US REQUEST JAPANESE RESPOND ASAP.

3. BECAUSE OF FOREMENTIONED DELAY IN JAPANESE RESPONSE TO MAY 13 PROPOSAL, EMBASSY IS NOW REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FTL PROPOSED SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR JULY AND SEPTEMBER AND FILE THEM WITH APPROPRIATE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN TO GOJ THAT, ALTHOUGH ORIGINAL FILINGS ON CARGO BY US AIRLINES ARE COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED BY TRAFFIC DEMAND, IN VIEW OF EXPRESSED JAPANESE CONCERN, US HAS PREVAILED ON FTL TO DELAY PART OF CAPACITY INCREASE UNTIL MID SEPTEMBER. USG PRESUMES THAT JAPANESE AUTHORITIES WILL ALLOW LATE FILING OF THE ADJUSTMENTS IN JULY SCHEDULES.

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